

by filtration" does not even imply the suction which is clearly employed in this case.

The foregoing amendment to the disclosure is respectfully submitted to obviate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

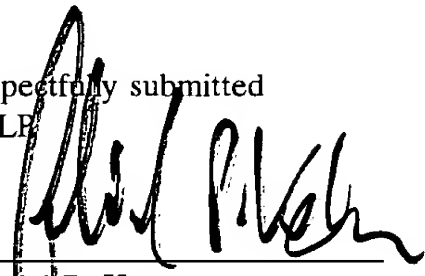
The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph is respectfully submitted to be improper. In this connection see, for example *ex parte Cordova*, 10 USPQ2d 1942 (Bd. App. Intf. 1988); *ex parte Wu*, 10 USPQ2d 2031, 2032 (Bd. App. Intf. 1989); and *In re Holt*, 19 USPQ2d 1211, 1214 (Bd. App. Intf. 1991).

ant It is respectfully submitted that the claims are neither anticipated nor are they rendered obvious by Acklin et al. (U.S. patent No. 4,487,374). The Board's opinion made it abundantly clear (on page 5, lines 6-13 of the opinion) that Acklin teaches that its acid reactant has to have an acid strength of at least that of formic acid, and that clearly excludes acetic acid (see Acklin et al., col. 2, line 42 to line 52) "any protonic acid with an acidic strength sufficient to free cyanic acid from its salts ... of which the acidic strength in the solvent used corresponds in practice at least to that of formic acid."(underlining added). Please note that here both the Board and Acklin speak to the necessary strength **of the acid required to push cyanuric acid [sic] from their salts.** Here neither the Board nor Acklin speak about any catalyst or the like. Hence in the reaction of Acklin et al. formic acid or another acid has to be used, which acid is a stronger acid than formic acid (and that by definition excludes acetic acid the sole acid employed in the present claims). Therefore, the examiner's entirely conjectural statement that "Acklin .. also ... teaches acetic acid as the sole acidic agent" is manifestly incorrect, and claim 8 clearly and unobviously is distinguished from Acklin.

In view of the foregoing, a reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and objections, and the allowance of claims 2-8 is respectfully urged.

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